

Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council

June 19, 2015, 3:29Pm Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Rev. Marie Carpenter, Director of Eldercare Ministries, American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island; Chair of the Advisory Council, **Dr. Edward V. Martin, M.D., MPH**, Medical Director, Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island; **Dr. Angela Taber, M.D.**, Palliative Medicine Physician, Miriam Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital; **Nancy Roberts, MSN, R.N.**, President and CEO, VNA of Care New England Health System; **Maria Barros, R.N.**, Director of Clinical Services, Nursing Placement, Inc.

Members Not Present/ Excused:

Linda M. Dziobek, R.N., Chair, Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island

Staffing the Advisory Council:

Manuela Raposo, Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, Rhode Island Department of Health

Members of the Public Present:

Jim Willsey, Roger Williams Medical Center

Melissa Campbell, American Cancer Society

Present from Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH):

C. Kelly Smith, MSW, Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, Rhode Island Department of Health

Minutes:

1. Introductions, Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum (Chair)

Dr. Martin welcomed and thanked the Council Members and Members of the Public. Manuela Raposo then called roll (results above). Dr. Martin reported out on the following:

A. Report wrap up on data collection-2012 data.

2. Palliative Care Needs and Services in Rhode Island: Discussion on Report:

Substantial progress has been made to insure that hospitalized patients have access to e-services

3. Discussion ensued on the need to change the image of palliative care in the community

- Website, brochure and social media
- Creating a brief video explaining the data.
- Outstanding out-patient palliative care would be an important target to meet the needs of persons in the community who are not eligible for hospital services.
- Improve access to pain medication for patients with serious or terminal illnesses.
- Targeted outreach to hospital, Primary care physician, and all others practitioners for health connections
- Target the education as the in-patient setting
- Improve the representation of social workers services
- Provide palliative care to patients with non-terminal chronic diseases

4. Next steps:

- a. Dr. Martin will provide conclusions and recommendations to add to the report
- b. Set date for Communications Director to come to meeting
 - i. Discuss suggestion about health connections

ii. Creating video

iii. brochure

6. Public Comments

- Melissa Campbell from ACS suggested recommendations for standard of care in RI, or guidelines such as healthy food policies for schools.
- Educate cancer survivors, primary care caregivers, and families.
- How to make primary caregivers more comfortable and how we get the information across them

8. Future Meetings

The Advisory Council members will meet every other month, on the last Friday of the month, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. There will be an extraordinary meeting scheduled for September 25, 3:30 pm. Next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for November 20th, 2015, 3:30pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm. (Minutes reported by Manuela Raposo)